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IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

December 13, 2006

Applicants: Yoshihiko GOTOH et al

For: METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING QUARTZ GLASS INGOT  
AND A MANUFACTURING APPARATUS

Serial No.: 09/863 750

Group: 1731

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Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Appeals from the decision mailed October 3, 2006 of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting Claims 20-27.

(Please see following page.)

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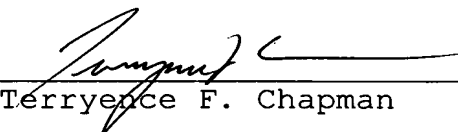
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